

and to my knowledge, I cannot stoop to the knavery of changing it.* The publ'n of the paper will soon take place in the Journal, it was in fact in the press before I ret'd from N. W. [the Northwest]. The fact of the Peach tree being subject to the attacks of a Buprestis is altogether new to me. We have 2 sp. at least wh. agree w. y'r desc'n viz. *femorata* & *characteristica*. The latter being rather larger than y'r mensuration & the thorax having elevated lines as well as the elytra I think it probable y'r depred'r is *femorata* wh. is orn'd w. 2 dull brassy irregular spots on ea. elytron more or less indistinct, but somet. obsolete.

The g's *Lytta* F. is certainly same w. *Cantharis* Oliv. &c. The larvæ of the Cantharids live & metam'e in the earth feeding on roots &c, but for more inform'n I must refer you to Sonnini's *Bufon* Vol. 54, p. 395; also Olivier, Vol. 3. The no. of sp. already disc'd in the U. S. is 16, viz. *segmenta* †, *vittata* ×, *marginata* ×, *atrata* ×, *Nuttallii* †, *aloida* †, *articularis* †, *immaculata* †, *aenea* ×, *polita*, *sphaericollis* †, *maculata* †, *feruginae* †, *cinerea* ×, *Afzeliana*, *reticulata* †; of these those marked w. a × inhabit this state, those marked w. a † have been desc'd by myself and will appear in the Journal. It is prob'ly that nearly if not all of these sp. might be used w. effect

in vessication. By far the finest sp. is the *Nuttallii*, wh., as well as 2 or 3 of the other sp. is somew't larger than *vesicatoria* & more brilliant. On one occasion near Rocky M's. I saw this sp. in such nos. that I c'd have gathered a couple of quarts in $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour, but few were seen elsewhere, & but one occurred on last exped'n. Have not Illiger, nor moth of apple worm. Do not know wh. species of greg's caterp's you mean. Rose-bug is *Mel. subspinosus* F. and cucumber bug is *Crioceris vittata* F., but I know no more of their history than is familiar to every farmer. It w'd give me g't pleasure to see those ins. you mention desc'd by Peck. I have not met w. his desc'n.

The Peach Insect I desc'd sev'l months since for a paper by Mr. Worth on this ins. under name of *Æ. exitiosa*. W'n this essay will be publ'd I do not know, it was read to the A. N. S. 6 or 8 months ago. The sexes are very diff't. I have b'n desc'g shells of U. S. & w'd be much obliged to you for any sp's you may pick up on y'r coast. Land and fresh water shells also highly accept'e. I will be happy to send you the names should you wish it. Your salt marsh caterpillar is cert'y the *B. acria* F. and it is fig'd by Drury and also by Cramer under the name of *B. caprotina*.

PERSONAL NOTES. — Mr. P. R. Uhler, one of the leading American entomologists, has recently been elected provost of the Peabody institute in Baltimore. Mr. Uhler will still retain the position of librarian which he has held for the past twenty-five years. It is not

*[He changed his mind, describing it in this very paper under the name of *bivittata*. It is the *S. candida* of Fabricius.]

a little curious how many entomologists have held the position of librarian in the public institutions of this country.

We deeply regret to announce the death, on February 25, of Mr. Holmes Hinkley of Cambridge, one of the active members of the Club and an ardent student of our Lepidoptera.